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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH HOLMES and

EMELIO ROCHESTER,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:20-mj-902-DJA

**ORDER to Continue the Preliminary
Hearing (Third Request)**

It is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between Christopher Chiou, Acting United States Attorney, through Jim W. Fang, Assistant United States Attorney, Kathryn Newman, Assistant Federal Public Defender, counsel for Defendant Holmes, and Daniel Hill, Esq., counsel for Defendant Rochester, that the preliminary hearing in the above-captioned matter, previously scheduled for March 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued until a time convenient to the Court, but no earlier than 30 days from the current setting.

1. Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 5.1(d) provides that “[w]ith the defendant’s consent and upon a showing of good cause—taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time

limits [for preliminary hearings] one or more times.” Here, the parties desire to explore the potential to resolve this matter before defendants are formally charged by a criminal indictment.

2. In that regard, the government has provided defense counsels with limited Rule 16 discovery in order to facilitate pre-indictment resolution. The parties are in active plea negotiations and require more time to resolve this matter pre-indictment.

3. This continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but to allow the parties to thoroughly vet the case and reach an agreement as to the final resolution of this case.

4. Defendants are not in custody and agree to the continuance.

5. Denial of this request could result in a miscarriage of justice, and the ends of justice served by granting this request outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

6. The additional time requested by this stipulation is excludable in computing the time within which indictment must be filed pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), and considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(i) and (iv).

DATED this 10th day of March, 2021.

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FINDINGS AND ORDER

9 Based on the pending Stipulation between the defense and the government, and good
10 cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby finds that:

11 1. The parties desire to continue the preliminary hearing to facilitate pre-
12 indictment resolution, and the government has provided defense counsels with limited Rule
13 16 discovery for that purpose. The parties are in active plea negotiations and require more
14 time to resolve this matter pre-indictment. The Court finds good cause to continue the
15 hearing to allow the parties to reach a pre-indictment resolution.

16 2. Both counsels for defendants and counsel for the government agree to the
17 continuance.

18 3. Defendants are not in custody and agree to the continuance.

19 4. The continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but to allow the
20 parties to thoroughly vet the case and reach an agreement as to the final resolution of this
21 case.

22 5. Denial of this request could result in a miscarriage of justice, and the ends of
23 justice served by granting this request outweigh the best interest of the public and the
24 defendants in a speedy trial.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the preliminary hearing in the above-captioned matter, previously scheduled for March 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued to April 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Courtroom 3A.

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